

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Windmill Community Centre, Deddington on

Wednesday 18 April 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Flux (Chair), Collins, Cox, Day, Finnigan, Oldfield, Rudge, Watts and Williams.

52/12	<p>Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bliss, McDowell, Ward, Wood and County Cllr Jelf</p>
53/12	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: The title of the minutes should read "Minutes of a meeting held at Holly Tree Club, Deddington on Wednesday 21 March 2012 at 7:30pm." 41/12 (9) Clifton Road HGV Breaches should read "Breaches". 4/12 Castle Grounds. The first sentence should read "Cllr Oldfield reported that she attended two meetings of FOCG (including their AGM) and Cllr Cox attended the FOCG AGM to make contact and to find out what they would like done to maximise the use of the Castle Grounds. Cllr Flux signed the minutes of 21 March 2012 as a true record.</p>
54/12	<p>Declaration of Interests: None declared.</p>
55/12	<p>Matters Arising not referred to later on the Agenda. None.</p>
56/12	<p>10 Minute Open Forum: Andrew Green addressed the PC. Since November 2011, Andrew Green has been the Chairman of the Youth Cub (YC). He requested a donation for £500 from the PC to help get the YC back on its feet, with the long term intention that the YC will be self-supporting, and reported that he was very impressed with the Youth Worker from Banbury. Andrew Green is working with the community to raise funds through donations via standing orders. He considered that his fund raising efforts in the community would be helped by a donation from the PC. There are currently 12 YC members but he hoped that numbers would increase as the club develops and better matches their aspirations. The running costs of the YC are in the region of £3,000 per annum (£1,800 staff, £1,000 venue and £200 other expenses). Some revenue is gained from subscriptions but there is a shortfall of roughly £1,700. He suggested that the PC would not pay the £500 until the remaining monies were raised to help prove that the YC is a viable venture and therefore a good use of PC funds. The aim is to put the club back on its feet and revive the parish asset. The attendees are currently charged £2 per session. They are aged 10-14 year old. Cllr Cox enquired whether the YC members were from the parish. Andrew Green confirmed that he believed that they were all from the parish. He said that the club would only employ one Youth Worker until the numbers increase and then a second one would be brought in. Cllr Watts suggested that the YC cater for older children as the younger ones have other parish groups such as Guides, Boys Brigade etc. Andrew Green said that the intention was to "fill the gaps". Cllr Day asked if there was target number of attendees and it was suggested that doubling the numbers would be an achievement although this is very much dependent upon what was offered to the youths. Cllr Finnigan asked why only a one off £500 had been requested. Andrew Green said that he believed it was a reasonable request in the current financial climate. Cllr Flux noted that the County Council had previously been responsible for the YC but had cutback. Discussion followed.</p>
57/12	<p>County and District Councillors update: None</p>
58/12	<p>Highways and Transport</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speeding. Proposed dates have been made. 2. Market Place Green. The post has been ordered and will be chased up by the Clerk. 3. Church Street Verge. OCC have reported that services in the bank preclude any heavy work. Cllr Collins proposed investigating using a polymer interlocking mesh with County Cllr Jelf as an alternative. 4. New Street North Bound Bus Stop. The bus company now has this site on a refurbishment list. 5. Possible Bench outside Leadenporch House. Permissions received so Cllr Rudge will liaise with the Clerk to identify and purchase a suitable bench which can then be installed. 6. Memorial Bench for Ed Lynch: The bench is now in place. 7. Fatal Traffic Accidents in the parish: The HWG to seek evidence of "gates" performance from OCC officers who are to re examine the Parishes speed limits and data in light of the recent survey. Requests for all measures to be considered. More data will be collected by HWG. 8. Clifton Road HGV Breaches: A letter has been sent to Tony Baldry expressing support for the Government measures proposed with the SatNav industry. 9. Verge Protection Chapel Close, Clifton. Action awaiting the completion of the new builds and new residents have moved in. 10. Siting of Grit Bin. The management of Featherton House had queried the location of the grit bin installed outside the building. They were invited to suggest a better position. To date no reply has been received. If a response is not received prior to the next meeting, the matter will be considered closed for now. 14. Clifton Foot Path. OCC has been asked to provide details of the data they used when deciding to spend money on the Adderbury footpath. A reminder was sent 24 March to County Cllr Jelf.
59/12	<p>Environment & Recreation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Castle Grounds Bluebells: A specialist grower has advised that, given the terrain, seeds would be more appropriate for planting rather than bulbs in Castle Grounds. 2. Cemetery & St. Thomas Street: Cllr Rudge reported that they both looked good and suggested that further planting be considered in the verges if the budget could be found. The Clerk said the grass

	<p>cutting contractors would need to be given clear instructions about cutting around any additional daffodil bulbs. Cllr Rudge will bring her suggestions back to the PC before any additional is undertaken.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Deddington Pippin Trees: Cllr Rudge will check that OCC are happy (as previously indicated) with planting trees on the outskirts (after 30mph) right hand side of Deddington to Banbury road. 4. ONCF. Cllr Rudge attended an ONCF meeting and was advised that some disease resistant elms are now available free of charge. She does not know how long they will be available so asked for suggestions of where to plant. 5. Clifton Play Area. Cllr Rudge questioned if the Fritillaria had flowered at Welford Piece and reminded Cllrs that a prize would be awarded to the first child that sent her a photo of them. 6. Swifts. Cllr Rudge reminded the PC that the swifts should be returning soon. There are three swift boxes at the windmill Centre and two at the school.
60/12	<p>Planning: <u>Applications</u> 12/00299/F Hempton Lodge Hempton Detached 4 Bed Dwelling with Garage. Objection on the grounds that it is inappropriate back fill development 12/00076/TCA Deddington Manor New Street Deddington 1 x Beech. To reduce the likelihood of failure of the second limb prune the remaining branches back to suitable growing points. No objection. <u>Approvals</u> 12/00241/F and 12/00242/LB Cromwell House Market Place Deddington 12/00053/TCA The Mount St Thomas Street Deddington 12/00038/TCA Castle House Cottage 1 Hopcroft lane Deddington <u>Correspondence</u> Homes Behind former Holcombe Hotel. Access to Southbourne, Carrow House, Renwick Cottage, and Little Hardres are off the "High Street" and residents have had problems with being found. Now that the Holcombe Hotel is no longer a hotel the residents feel that they cannot use it has a landmark building to give to deliver drivers. Two names Holcombe Mews or Holcombe Gardens were proposed. It was felt that as some properties have been built in the gardens that Holcombe Gardens was the best name. The PC unanimously agreed to support the name Holcombe Gardens. Unicorn Inn. Confirmation has been received that the brewery will be re-painting the Unicorn in a different colour. Paint samples have not yet to be received, but it is considered that it will be of an oatmeal/cream shade. The colour will be made available for the public to view on the planning website. Conservation Area Appraisal. The Lead Member for Planning, Cllr Gibbard, signed off the adoption of the conservation area appraisal this week. Letters are being sent to everyone within the area, and copies to the various libraries. It is also available to view on the CDC web site.</p>
61/12	<p>Finance and General Purposes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash flow: The key items of expenditure and income were identified. 2. South & Southern Electric. SSE has changed their payment schedules for the FIT solar panel with payment to be made within 28 days. The meter reading as at today 10,550 kW. 3. Precept. The first instalment of the precept was received in April 4. Audit. Notice of the annual audit has been received 5. NatWest. NatWest have sent information on fixed rate deposits for business. No action 6. Investment guidelines. New guidance on Local Government investments has been received. This will be reviewed but no changes are expected. 7. Steward. It was agreed that the steward will be paid for annual leave that has not been taken in 2011/12. 8. Under 6 play area. The purchase of picnic benches for the infant play area was discussed. It was agreed to buy two concrete picnic benches for approximately £850 (ex VAT). These were more expensive than the all wood options but were considered to be more stable, less likely to be stolen and would last longer. 9. Goal Mouths. It was agreed to write to the Football clubs to remind them that it is their responsibility to repair the goalmouths and other worn areas. This was not undertaken last year. 10. Youth Club. The subs of the YC will be compared to other clubs. Cllr Collins proposed that the PC agree to YC request subject to no tangible objection from the F&GP.
62/12	<p>Community Governance Review & Polling District Review This was noted.</p>
63/12	<p>Castle Grounds: All FOCG and PC liaison will go through Cllr Collins. Cllr Collins informed the PC that the FOCG have asked that they are not involved in the discussions or decisions the PC are making but that they are informed once these are agreed. The Chair of FOCG thanked the PC for arranging for the diseased and dangerous trees to be dealt with and some of the ivy removed. Cllr Collins reported that the Community Payback workers had done a fabulous job, along with the FOCG removing much of the bank undergrowth. Cllr Flux, Collins and the Clerk will meet shortly to produce a document that outlines the ownership of the Castle Grounds area. Cllr Oldfield suggested that the Castle Grounds could be a topic for discussion at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Flux noted that the Annual Parish Meeting clashes with two others that are being held that night and so he suggested that resident attendance might be low.</p>
64/12	<p>Report upon the Play Areas: The Clerk reported that the repairs to the Wickstead roundabout and Slide etc were in hand. The benches</p>

	for the under 6-play area will be ordered 19 April. The Steward has done a fantastic job painting various wooden fence posts etc around the parish play areas.																																
65/12	Invoices for Payment: Schedules of invoices totalling £2,353.92 for April were approved for payment.																																
66/12	<p>Investment of Council Funds At the close of business on 18 April 2012 the balances were as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>ACCOUNT</th> <th>BALANCE</th> <th>INTEREST</th> <th>NOTICE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Barclays Imprest Acct</td> <td>1,486.56</td> <td>0.1%</td> <td>Imprest</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barclays Current Acct</td> <td>24,811.56</td> <td>0.1%</td> <td>Current</td> </tr> <tr> <td>W. Bromwich Building Soc.</td> <td>41,655.87</td> <td>1.0%</td> <td>Overnight (inc interest)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alliance & Leicester</td> <td>200,000.00</td> <td>2.5%</td> <td>1 year fixed (July 12)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anglo Irish Bank</td> <td>200,000.00</td> <td>3.19%</td> <td>1 year fixed (Jan 13)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat West</td> <td>75,000.00</td> <td>3.0%</td> <td>1 year fixed (Nov 12)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>542,954.99</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ACCOUNT	BALANCE	INTEREST	NOTICE	Barclays Imprest Acct	1,486.56	0.1%	Imprest	Barclays Current Acct	24,811.56	0.1%	Current	W. Bromwich Building Soc.	41,655.87	1.0%	Overnight (inc interest)	Alliance & Leicester	200,000.00	2.5%	1 year fixed (July 12)	Anglo Irish Bank	200,000.00	3.19%	1 year fixed (Jan 13)	Nat West	75,000.00	3.0%	1 year fixed (Nov 12)	TOTAL	542,954.99		
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67/12	<p>Correspondence: Cllr Flux highlighted that the ORCC had sent an apology for their error when doing the housing survey, which was gratefully received. They had inadvertently suggested that ORCC had undertaken the recent survey on behalf of the PC when this was not the case.</p>																																
68/12	<p>Any Other Business: Parish Officer Copier. Cllr Finnigan asked if any progress had been made. The Clerk reported a further meeting to be held soon. Christmas Tree Lighting. Cllr Flux informed the PC that one option being considered for providing electricity to light the Christmas Tree was for it to have a separate power supply and a quotation has been obtained. It will cost approximately £460 to provide the external socket but SSE and DCE would need to be approached to see if it is feasible. Cllr Oldfield said that Leah Calcutt, on behalf of DCE, had also investigated and said it should be a freestanding unit. Cllr Day said that he would report the PC's suggestions to the DCE meeting scheduled for the following evening. Planning Event at CDC. Cllrs Cox and Williams and the Clerk recently attended a planning event at CDC. Cllr Williams has agreed to write a report and send to all Cllrs prior to the next meeting.</p>																																
69/12	Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 16 May 2012 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, Hempton.																																